

CODE OF ORDINANCES
CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN
Chapter 42 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 42-1. Injury to fire equipment.

No person shall willfully molest, take for his own private use or damage in any manner any firefighting equipment or apparatus or anything pertaining to the firefighting system, or drive any vehicle upon or against any hose or equipment of the fire department.
(Code 1979, § 9.171)

Sec. 42-2. Interference with fire department.

It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct, restrain, hinder or impede any member of the fire department of the city in passing through, along or across any public highway, street, alley or other public place in the city while the member of the fire department is in the performance of any of his duties as a member of the fire department or attending or responding to any alarm of fire or in his entrance upon any premises in the city while in the performance of any of such duties. It shall be unlawful for any person to neglect or refuse to give the right-of-way to any member of the fire department of the city when responding to any alarm of fire in the city, or to in any manner interfere with any of the equipment of the department or the vehicles or other fire apparatus under the control of the fire department or any member of the department. It shall be unlawful for any person to neglect or refuse to obey any order duly made by the officer in command of the department at any time any conflagration is in progress in the city.
(Code 1979, § 9.172)

Sec. 42-3. Obstruction of fire hydrants.

No person shall place any obstruction whatever, nor shall any person responsible for such obstruction permit it to remain, within 15 feet of any fire hydrant.
(Code 1979, § 9.173)

Sec. 42-4. Use of fire hydrants; permission required.

No person except authorized city officers and employees shall use any fire hydrant, except in case of emergency, without first securing permission from the department of public works for such use, and paying or agreeing to pay for the water to be used. In no case shall any wrench or tool be used on any fire hydrant other than a regulation city hydrant wrench.
(Code 1979, § 9.174)

Sec. 42-5. Inspections by fire chief.

The fire chief is hereby empowered to enter at any and all reasonable times upon and into any premises, building or structure for the purpose of examining and inspecting them, to ascertain the conditions of them with regard to fire hazards and the condition, size, arrangement and efficiency of any and all appliances for firefighting. If the inspection shall disclose any fire hazard or any deficiency in firefighting appliances, the fire chief shall order the condition remedied. Every order made by the fire chief shall be promptly obeyed and complied with.

(Code 1979, § 9.175)

Sec. 42-6. Waste receptacles and storage.

No person owning or being responsible for any premises shall permit any waste paper, ashes, oil, rags, waste rags, excelsior or any material of a similar nature to accumulate thereon, unless contained in fireproof receptacles.

(Code 1979, § 9.176)

Sec. 42-7. Fire exits.

The following rules relative to passageways, stairs and fire exits shall be applicable to all public buildings, places of assembly, commercial and business buildings, hotels, apartment buildings, lodginghouses, tourist homes and all other buildings except private dwellings and except as otherwise expressly limited in this section to a particular type of building:

- (1) No fire escape, stairway, balcony or ladder on any building shall be obstructed, out of repair or maintained in a hazardous condition. Doors and windows leading to any fire escape shall open easily from the inside.
- (2) No combustible material shall be stored, placed or kept under or upon any passageway, stairs or elevator shaft, nor shall any such material be stored, placed or kept in any other part of any building in such a position as to obstruct or render hazardous egress therefrom.
- (3) All doors, hallways and stairways shall be unobstructed at all times.
- (4) In all theaters, churches, schools and other places of public assembly, no door, aisle or passageway shall be obstructed with any furniture or article; nor shall any person sit or stand or be permitted to sit or stand in any aisle, or in any exit or passageway; and all exits and the sidewalks leading therefrom shall be unobstructed while such places of public assembly are in use.
- (5) No person shall do any act which causes any violation of any of the rules set forth in this section, nor shall any person owning any building or in charge thereof as agent, employee or otherwise permit any of such rules to be violated.

(Code 1979, § 9.177)

Secs. 42-8--42-35. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE FEES

Sec. 42-36. Fee imposed.

The owners of premises within the city shall pay a fee for the provision of fire protection services by the Corunna-Caledonia fire department.

(Ord. No. 95-01, § 1, 7-17-95)

Sec. 42-37. Residential and agricultural premises, motor vehicles, agricultural machinery.

An owner of a residential, agricultural premises, motor vehicle or agricultural machinery shall pay a service fee for each provision of fire protection services by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department to that premises, motor vehicle or agricultural machine. The service fee shall be set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the Corunna City Code.

(Ord. No. 95-01, § 2, 7-17-95; Ord. No. 2000-03, § VII, 5-19-00)

Sec. 42-38. Business and government premises.

An owner of a business or government premises shall pay a service fee for the first hour of provision of fire protection services by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department as set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the City Code. Thereafter, the owner shall pay the actual cost of the provision of fire protection services (including water) up to a maximum set amount service fee, as set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the Corunna City Code.

(Ord. No. 95-01, § 3, 7-17-95; Ord. No. 2000-03, § VIII, 5-19-00)

Sec. 42-39. Industrial premises.

An owner of an industrial premises shall pay a service fee for the first hour of provision of fire protection services by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department to that premises as set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the City Code. Thereafter, the owner shall pay the actual cost of the provision of fire protection services (including water) up to a maximum set amount service fee, as set forth pursuant to chapter 38 of the Corunna City Code.

(Ord. No. 95-01, § 4, 7-17-95; Ord. No. 2000-03, § IX, 5-19-00)

Sec. 42-40. Deposit of payments.

All payments shall be made to the Corunna-Caledonia fire department, which shall deposit the payments in a capital improvement fire fund created for that purpose.

(Ord. No. 95-01, § 5, 7-17-95)

Sec. 42-41. Payment due date; late penalty.

Payments are due upon receipt of a billing from the Corunna-Caledonia fire department. Any billing not paid in full within 90 days from the due date shall carry interest on the unpaid balance at the rate of five percent per annum.

(Ord. No. 95-01, § 6, 7-17-95)

Sec. 42-42. Unpaid fees; creation of lien.

On August 1 of each year, the Corunna-Caledonia fire department shall notify the city treasurer of all unpaid fees within the city. On September 1 of each year the city treasurer shall certify such fees to the county treasurer who shall cause them to be entered upon the next city and county tax roll against the premises to which such services shall have been rendered and against which such fee has been placed. Such installments shall be a lien on the premises as of the due date thereof and shall be collected and the lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided in respect to taxes assessed upon the roll.
(Ord. No. 95-01, § 7, 7-17-95)

Sec. 42-43. Waiver of fees.

Fees for the provision of services by the Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department to the following locations shall be waived if the service provided is to search for missing clients, patients or children, assist in accident reconstructions, traffic control, assist in transporting patients or other non-fire related services:

- (1) Pleasant View.
- (2) Griffin Home.
- (3) All group homes located within the city.
- (4) Owosso Police Department.
- (5) Corunna Police Department.
- (6) Shiawassee County Sheriff's Department.
- (7) Corunna Area Ambulance.
- (8) Michigan State Police.

(Ord. No. 97-02, 3-17-97)

Secs. 42-44--42-69. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. OPEN BURNING

Sec. 42-70. Definitions.

Recreational fire (campfire) means a fire located in a pit dug in the soil with a minimum depth of one (1) foot and no more than three (3) feet in diameter, and at least ten (10) feet away from any adjacent structure and is not for the purpose of burning refuse.

Barbecue pit means an outdoor pit used for cooking food located in the soil with a minimum depth of one (1) foot and no more than three (3) feet in diameter, is at least ten (10) feet away from any adjacent structure and is not for the purpose of burning refuse.

(Ord. No. 98-03, § I, 6-15-98)

Sec. 42-71. Penalty.

Any person violating this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 1-14.

(Ord. No. 4-91, § 2, 4-1-91)

Sec. 42-72. Unlawful conditions.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or occupying any lot or premises in the city to permit any open fire thereon at a time or place or under conditions which might cause the fire to spread beyond the confines of the intended burning.

(Ord. No. 4-91, § 1(1), 4-1-91)

Sec. 42-73. Attendance of fires.

Any person owning or occupying any lot or premises in the city who shall permit an open fire thereon shall have some person in attendance of the fire at all times during the burning.

(Ord. No. 4-91, § 1(2), 4-1-91)

Sec. 42-74. Fire spreading beyond control; payment of fire department costs; liability.

(a) If any open fire spreads beyond the confines of the intended burning, and if the fire department is called to assist in fighting the fire, the person owning or occupying the lot or premises which permitted such open fire to start shall be obligated to pay to the city the costs of the fire department in the amount of \$50.00.

(b) Payment of the costs of the fire department shall in no way relieve the person from liability for any damage caused by the fire.

(Ord. No. 4-91, § 1(3), (4), 4-1-91)

Sec. 42-75. Rules for conducting open burning.

Open burning except for cooking purposes (which would include gas and charcoal grills) only outside of a building or structure in the city shall be done in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

(1) No burning shall be caused, permitted or allowed to be done within 15 feet of an existing structure, nor within three feet of any paved and/or hard-surfaced street, alley or boulevard within the city.

(2) No burning shall be caused, permitted or allowed to be done except on the days of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of any week.

(3) No burning shall be caused, permitted or allowed to be done except during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of any week.

(4) No burning shall be caused, permitted or allowed to be done unless under the charge or supervision of a person of mature years and discretion.

(5) No burning shall be caused, permitted or allowed to be done at any time or place when wind conditions will create or be apt to create a nuisance to anyone or the property of anyone in the vicinity, or be a danger to the property of any person in the vicinity.

(6) No burning shall be caused, permitted or allowed to be done where its maximum size is not controllable by one person of mature years and discretion.

(7) No burning shall be caused, permitted or allowed at any other date or time of day unless a special permit for burning is first secured from the fire chief of the city. This allowance will apply to the city itself when the need arises to burn at any given time and date.

(8) Recreational fires (campfires) shall be allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. in accordance with the remainder of this ordinance. Such fires shall burn only unprocessed wood. Recreational fires shall be permitted on private property, so long as such fire does not present a fire hazard. A recreational fire shall be constantly attended by a competent adult of eighteen (18) years or older and shall be completely extinguished before being left alone.

(Ord. No. 4-91, § 1(5), 4-1-91; Ord. No. 98-03, § II, 6-15-98)

Cross references: Burning of accumulations, § 62-2.

Sec. 42-75.1. Safety.

The fire chief may prohibit any and all campfires when atmospheric conditions or circumstances make such fire hazardous or when in the opinion of the fire chief, the campfire would constitute a fire hazard or will endanger the life or property of any person.

(Ord. No. 1998-03, § III, 6-15-98)

Sec. 42-76. Starting fires by smoking.

It shall be unlawful for any person in smoking or attempting to light or to smoke a cigarette, cigar or pipe, to set fire to any bed, bedding, furniture, curtains or draperies in any hotel, motel, lodginghouse or tourist home in the city.

(Code 1979, § 9.179)

Sec. 42-77. Blasting.

No person shall blast or carry on any blasting operation without first having obtained a written permit from the city manager. Before any such permit is issued, the applicant shall file with the city clerk a policy of insurance in the amount specified by the city manager as being reasonably commensurate with the risk of damage to property and injury or death to persons arising out of the proposed blasting operation. Such policy of insurance shall indemnify the applicant with respect to sums which the applicant shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon him by law, for damages because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damages to property, or both, sustained by any person or persons and arising out of the blasting operation.

(Code 1979, § 9.180)